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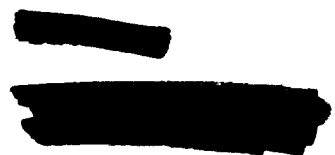
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PART IORGANIZATIONAL DATA

1. DESIGNATION COMMANDER

III Marine Amphibious Force Lieutenant General Herman
NICKERSON Jr., U. S. Marine
Corps
1-31Dec69

DEPUTY COMMANDER

Major General George S. BOWMAN
Jr., U. S. Marine Corps
1-31Dec69

SUBORDINATE UNITS

XXIV Corps Lieutenant General Melvin
ZAIS, U. S. Army
1-31Dec69

101st Airborne Division
(Airmobile) Major General John M. WRIGHT,
U. S. Army
1-31Dec69

1st Marine Division Major General Ormond R. SIMPSON,
U. S. Marine Corps
1-14Dec69

Major General Edwin B. WHEELER,
U. S. Marine Corps
15-31Dec69

1st Marine Aircraft Wing Major General William G. THRASH,
U. S. Marine Corps
1-31Dec69

Americal Division Major General Lloyd B. RAMSEY,
U. S. Army
1-31Dec69

Force Logistic Command Brigadier General Mauro J.
PADALINO, U. S. Marine Corps
1-31Dec69

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Headquarters and Service
Company, III Marine
Amphibious Force
Headquarters Commandant

Colonel Frank X. HOFF, U. S.
Marine Corps
1-31Dec69

ATTACHED UNITS

1st Radio Battalion	Lieutenant Colonel Delos M. HOPKINS, U. S. Marine Corps 1-31Dec69
29th Civil Affairs Company	Lieutenant Colonel Robert R. RAFFERTY, U. S. Army 1-31Dec69
7th Psychological Operations Battalion	Lieutenant Colonel Gerhard L. JACOBSON, U. S. Army 1-31Dec69

2. LOCATION. 1-31 December 1969, East Danang, Quang Nam
Province, Republic of Vietnam.

3. STAFF OFFICERS

Deputy Commanding General, Air	Major General George S. BOWMAN Jr., U. S. Marine Corps 1-31Dec69
Chief of Staff	Brigadier General George E. DOOLEY, U. S. Marine Corps 1-22Dec69
	Brigadier General Leo J. DUIACKI, U. S. Marine Corps 23-31Dec69
Deputy Chief of Staff	Colonel Sam A. DRESSIN, U. S. Marine Corps 1-31Dec69
Deputy Chief of Staff, Plans	Colonel Milton M. COOK, Jr., U. S. Marine Corps 1-3Dec69
	Colonel James A. SLOAN, U. S. Marine Corps 4-31Dec69

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Assistant Chief of Staff, G-1 Colonel Robert L. PARNELL,
Jr., U. S. Marine Corps
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Assistant Chief of Staff, G-2 Colonel John S. CANTON,
U. S. Marine Corps
1-19Dec69

Colonel Edward W. DZIALO,
U. S. Marine Corps
20-31Dec69

Assistant Chief of Staff, G-3 Brigadier General Leo J. DULACKI,
U. S. Marine Corps
1-22Dec69

Brigadier General Thomas H.
MILLER Jr., U. S. Marine Corps
23-31Dec69

Deputy G-3 Colonel Lewis G. POGGEMEYER,
U. S. Marine Corps
1-31Dec69

Assistant Chief of Staff, G-4 Colonel Wilbur F. SIMLIK,
U. S. Marine Corps
1-31Dec69

Assistant Chief of Staff, G-5 Colonel Clifford J. PEABODY,
U. S. Marine Corps
1-31Dec69

Assistant Chief of Staff, G-6 Lieutenant Colonel Richard
S. BARRY, U. S. Marine Corps
1-31Dec69

Force Psychological Operations Officer Colonel William E. BARBER,
U. S. Marine Corps
1-31Dec69

Force Supply Officer Colonel John C. BOULWARE,
U. S. Marine Corps
1-31Dec69

Force Staff Judge Advocate Colonel Marion G. TREUSDALE,
U. S. Marine Corps
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Force Engineer Officer	Colonel Thomas C. SHANAHAN, U. S. Marine Corps 1-31Dec69
Force Adjutant	Lieutenant Colonel Henry G. CAMPBELL, U. S. Marine Corps 1-31Dec69
Assistant Chief of Staff, Comptroller	Lieutenant Colonel Joseph M. VOSMIK, U. S. Marine Corps 1-31Dec69
Force Informational Services Officer	Colonel Charles B. REDMAN, U. S. Marine Corps 1-31Dec69
Officer in Charge, Combat Operations Center	Lieutenant Colonel William C. FRITT, U. S. Marine Corps 1-31Dec69
Force Food Service Officer	Captain Edwin J. COYLE, U. S. Marine Corps 1-31Dec69
Force Chaplain	Captain Eugene S. SWANSON, U. S. Navy 1-31Dec69
Force Surgeon	Captain Charles E. KEE, U. S. Navy, 1-31Dec69
Force Dental Officer	Captain Meredith H. MEAD, U. S. Navy 1-31Dec69
Force Motor Transport Officer	Lieutenant Colonel Morris S. SHIMANOFF, U. S. Marine Corps 1-9Dec69 Major Michael J. ZACHODNI, U. S. Marine Corps 10-31Dec69
Staff Secretary	Lieutenant Colonel Charles G. COOPER, U. S. Marine Corps 1-31Dec69

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Protocol Officer	Lieutenant Colonel Buel B. NEWMAN Jr., U. S. Marine Corps 1-31Dec69
Force Special Services Officer	Colonel George W. CALLEN, U. S. Marine Corps 1-31Dec69
Force Ordnance Officer	Colonel Robert E. PARROTT, U. S. Marine Corps 1-31Dec69
Director, Transportation Control Center	Lieutenant Colonel William H. TARRANT, U. S. Army 1-31Dec69
Force Inspector	Colonel David H. SIMMONS, U. S. Marine Corps 1-31Dec69
USMC Liaison Officer, ROKMC	Major George F. ROGERS, U. S. Marine Corps 1-31Dec69
USMC Liaison Officer, MACV USMC Liaison Officer, 7th AF	Colonel Richard H. RAINFORTH, U. S. Marine Corps 1-31Dec69

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4. AVERAGE MONTHLY STRENGTH

a. III MARINE AMPHIBIOUS FORCE HEADQUARTERS

	<u>OFFICERS</u>				<u>ENLISTED</u>			
	USMC	USN	USA	USAF	USMC	USN	USA	USAF
H&SCO, III MAF	18	2	0	0	595	6	0	0
HQ STAFF, III MAF	226	4	27	1	614	13	9	1
CAG'S	44	0	0	0	1984	138	0	0
1ST RAD BN (-)	26	0	0	0	327	19	0	0
29TH CA CO (ATT)	0	0	60	0	0	0	86	0
7TH PSYOPS CO (SUP)	0	0	39	0	0	0	155	0

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b. III MARINE AMPHIBIOUS FORCE

<u>OFFICERS</u>			<u>ENLISTED</u>		
USMC	USN	USA	USMC	USN	USA
3797	290	5670	51127	1273	55018

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PART IINARRATIVE SUMMARY1. INTRODUCTION

a. GENERAL. During December 1969, III Marine Amphibious Force Headquarters was located in East Danang, Quang Nam Province, Republic of Vietnam. The average personnel strength was 117,175, a decrease of 5,234 under the previous month.

b. ACTIVITIES. III Marine Amphibious Force continued to be guided by COMUSMACV Directive 10-11 dated 1 November 1968 in pursuit of its objectives for December 1969.

2. OVERALL EVALUATION

a. GENERAL. Communist activity decreased during the month, remaining light and scattered throughout I Corps Tactical Zone. Enemy KIA decreased to 2,969. US Forces continued six major named operations during December 1969. All elements of the Third Marine Division left the Republic of Vietnam and Phase Two redeployment was complete by 15 December 1969. Operation FULTON SQUARE, 1st Brigade, Fifth Mechanized Division, continued with 372 enemy KIA at the end of the year. 101st Airborne Division (AM), operation REPUBLIC SQUARE terminated on 6 December 1969 with a total of 192 enemy KIA and operation RANDOLPH GLEN commenced on 7 December 1969 with 114 enemy KIA during the month.

b. To the south, in Quang Nam Province, 1st Marine Division continued rice denial and security operations. A large number of friendly casualties were attributed to surprise firing devices. On 7 December, the 2d ROK Marine Corps Battalion, in a series of light to moderate contacts nine KMS southwest of Hoi An killed 39 enemy and captured 14 weapons. Americal Division continued four major operations with year end results as follows: FREDERICK HILL, 3,953 enemy KIA; GENEVA PARK, 1,001 enemy KIA; NANTUCKET BEACH, 194 enemy KIA; and IRON MOUNTAIN, 2,221 enemy KIA. There were two truce periods, Christmas and New Year, with 28 enemy violations recorded for Christmas and 29 violations for New Year.

c. Marine Corps small unit operations had 23 friendly KIA and 370 WIA with 978 enemy KIA. On major operations the U. S. Army received 47 KIA and 351 WIA while inflicting 592 enemy kills. The U. S. Army did not conduct any small unit operations during the month of December.

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PART IIISEQUENTIAL LISTING OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS DURING DECEMBER 19691. SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS

a. GENERAL. During the month of December 1969 there were seven major unit operations conducted in the I Corps Tactical Zone. All of the operations were conducted by U. S. Army units. Results of these operations for the month are listed below:

<u>MAJOR OPERATIONS</u>	<u>FND CAS</u>		<u>EN CAS</u>		<u>PERIOD</u>
	<u>KIA</u>	<u>WIA</u>	<u>KIA</u>	<u>WC</u>	
FREDERICK HILL	16	112	179	37	1-31Dec69
GENEVA PARK	5	43	55	13	1-31Dec69
IRON MOUNTAIN	2	52	121	42	1-31Dec69
NANTUCKET BEACH	3	22	71	13	1-31Dec69
REPUBLIC SQUARE	1	1	46	10	1-6Dec69
FULTON SQUARE	9	39	19	16	1-31Dec69
RANDOLPH GLEN	11	82	101	77	7-31Dec69

SMALL UNIT OPERATIONS

DANANG TAOR	23	370	978	120	1-31Dec69
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b. EVENTS. During the month of December 1969 the following significant contacts were reported in chronological order:

At 010900H L Company, 3d Battalion, 7th Marines observed 43 enemy with packs and weapons in NVA uniforms 11 kms west of Que Son. An artillery mission was fired. Results: 15 NVA KIA.

At 011345H Reconnaissance Team ASPARAGUS observed 15 NVA collecting food two kms east of Liberty Bridge. The enemy were carrying packs and rifles. An artillery mission was called. Results: seven NVA KIA.

At 041700H Reconnaissance Team NAIL BRUSH observed nine enemy wearing black pajamas seven kms northwest of An Hoa. An artillery mission was fired resulting in six enemy KIA.

At 051355H Reconnaissance Team NAIL BRUSH observed seven enemy wearing black pajamas and carrying packs and rifles six kms north of An Hoa. An artillery mission was fired killing five enemy. Then at 1730H the team observed 40

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VC, moving southwest, also wearing black pajamas and carrying packs and rifles five kms northwest of the first sighting. Another artillery mission was fired killing 20 enemy.

At 091100H a squad patrol from H Company, 2d Battalion, 5th Marines observed five enemy hidden in two well camouflaged spider holes located in thick bamboo along a stream eight kms northeast of An Hoa. Several enemy wore blue uniforms and the rest wore black pajamas. The patrol apprehended the enemy without firing a shot, with all gear which included five AK-47's, assorted documents, medical supplies, and 3,200 plasters.

At 111237H a scout sniper from G Company, 2d Battalion, 7th Marines observed an unknown size enemy force moving west to east seven kms west-northwest of Thang Binh. The enemy lead element was carrying an unknown type weapon; the middle element carried no weapons or gear; and the 3d element had two men armed. The enemy units were well dispersed and all wore black pajamas. 1st platoon, G Company engaged the enemy with organic weapons, artillery, and air strikes. A sweep of the area revealed 35 NVA KIA (21 killed by air, seven killed by artillery, and seven killed by small arms fire) with no friendly casualties. During the 1st platoons contact, at 1252H, the 2d and 3d platoons observed 20 NVA moving west to east carrying weapons and wearing black pajamas four kms northwest of the 1st platoon. The units engaged the enemy with small arms and air strikes. Results: six NVA KIA (three killed by small arms fire and three killed by air). Both contacts broke at 1700H.

At 121430H 1st platoon from H Company, 2d Battalion, 5th Marines was taking one PW to the battalion rear and at the same time observed four enemy, wearing blue uniforms, running north 2½ kms west of Liberty Bridge. While firing small arms at the fleeing enemy, the PW made an attempt to escape and was shot. The unit swept the area and found four VC KIA. Total results: five VC KIA with no friendly casualties.

At 121837H Reconnaissance Team SIA TE CREEK observed 28 enemy wearing green utilities and carrying packs and rifles moving east on a trail 14 kms east of An Hoa. The team called an artillery mission resulting in 12 NVA KIA.

At 131810H an artillery forward observer with 1st Battalion, 7th Marines observed 20 to 30 NVA with individual weapons moving south on a trail, nine kms west of Que Son. The forward observer called artillery and 106RR fire. Results: six NVA KIA.

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At 131820H the SLATE CREEK Reconnaissance Team observed approximately 60 NVA wearing green uniforms 13 kms east of An Hoa, moving east on a trail. An artillery mission was fired resulting in 16 NVA KIA.

At 160945H F Company, 2d Battalion, 5th Marines, while on a company sweep, eight kms northwest of Liberty Bridge, observed one enemy running southwest. The company followed the enemy and made contact with an unknown size enemy force. Results: eight NVA KIA, 25 detainees, one individual weapon captured and miscellaneous documents/equipment captured. Then at 161030H, in the same area, F Company, 2d Battalion, 5th Marines observed five enemy on a small island approximately 50 meters away. The company moved onto the island and exchanged fire with the enemy resulting in 12 NVA KIA, three detainees, two individual weapons captured and miscellaneous documents captured with six friendly WIA. Total casualties for both contacts: 20 enemy KIA, 28 detainees and three individual weapons captured with six friendly WIA.

At 161420H H&S Company, 1st Battalion, 5th Marines, while in a defensive position, observed nine enemy carrying weapons and packs $3\frac{1}{2}$ kms west-southwest of Liberty Bridge. An artillery mission was fired resulting in seven VC KIA.

At 171430H H&S Company, 1st Battalion, 5th Marines observed 10 enemy running south along the Song Vu Gia River bank five kms northwest of Liberty Bridge. An artillery mission was fired resulting in five NVA KIA.

At 191440H H Company, 2d Battalion, 5th Marines, on a clear and search operation, seven kms west-northwest of Liberty Bridge, observed nine NVA in green uniforms coming out of a village. The company engaged the enemy with small arms and M-79 fire killing four NVA and capturing four. A further search of the village revealed three NVA hiding in a bunker. They refused to surrender and several M-26 grenades were thrown into the bunker, resulting in three NVA KIA and one individual weapon captured. Cumulative results: seven enemy KIA, four PW and one individual weapon captured.

At 192020H I Company, 3d Battalion, 1st Marines observed six VC moving north three kms west of hill 55. The company engaged the enemy with small arms and M-79 fire. Sweep of the area revealed five VC KIA and two packs containing miscellaneous clothing and documents.

At 201930H Reconnaissance Team PRIME CUT observed 12 black pajama-clad enemy, carrying packs and rifles, moving east seven kms south-southeast of Liberty Bridge. The team initiated an artillery mission, resulting in five enemy KIA.

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At 221910H Reconnaissance Team PRIME CUT observed 51 enemy with packs and rifles moving east on a trail seven kms south-east of Liberty Bridge. An artillery mission was fired resulting in 20 enemy KIA.

At 231410H D Company, 1st Battalion, 7th Marines observed 13, heavily armed, NVA moving east 13 kms north of Heip Duc. An artillery mission was fired resulting in 10 NVA KIA.

At 231500H an forward observer with H&S Company, 1st Battalion, 5th Marines observed 10 to 15 enemy with green uniforms, packs and rifles six kms northwest of Liberty Bridge. An artillery mission was fired resulting in nine enemy KIA.

At 231855H Reconnaissance Team PRIME CUT observed 22 enemy with weapons moving east on a trail eight kms southeast of Liberty Bridge. An artillery mission was fired resulting in 13 enemy KIA. Then at 2140H, the team observed 13 enemy moving east nine kms north of Liberty Bridge. Another artillery mission was fired resulting in seven enemy KIA.

At 232025H I Company, 3d Battalion, 1st Marines, while in an ambush position, observed 40 NVA with weapons moving west on a trail five kms west of hill 55. I Company, supported by artillery and SHADOW, exchanged fire with the enemy. Results: seven enemy KIA and one individual weapon captured with one USMC WIA.

At 242045H a squad from I Company, 3d Battalion, 1st Marines, while in a night ambush position, observed 60 VC, some with weapons, moving east nine kms north of Liberty Bridge. The enemy initiated contact with small arms fire and the squad returned small arms and M-79 fire. L Company, 3d Battalion, 1st Marines, adjacent to the squad, supported by fire. Artillery and air strikes were used on possible escape routes. The contact was broken at approximately 2110H and a sweep was made. Results: 31 VC KIA and three detainees with one USMC WIA. A continuation of the sweep by I Company, 3d Battalion, 1st Marines revealed an additional 10 VC KIA and seven individual weapons captured. Cumulative totals for the contact are 41 VC KIA, three detainees, and seven individual weapons captured with one USMC WIA.

At 252240H a reinforced squad from I Company, 3d Battalion, 5th Marines, while in a night ambush position five kms north-northeast of An Hoa, observed three sampans moving east across the Song Tho River carrying 15 black pajama-clad VC. The squad fired four 106mm RR beehive rounds killing eight VC. Five were killed by two direct hits and three while swimming. One sampan escaped to the east.

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At 261130H a platoon from I Company, 3d Battalion, 5th Marines, while in an ambush position, observed five sampans crossing the Tinh Yen River 2.5 kms north of An Hoa. Each sampan carried two enemy. Two 106mm RR beehive rounds and 60mm mortar were fired, resulting in six NVA KIA. Two sampans escaped down river.

At 300630H a squad from B Company, 1st Battalion, 7th Marines exchanged small arms fire with an unknown size enemy force three kms southwest of Que Son. A sweep of the area revealed five NVA KIA, four NVA packs and miscellaneous supplies with no friendly casualties.

At 301745H a forward observer from I Battery, 3d Battalion, 11th Marines observed 10 enemy on a trail 10 kms west-northwest of Que Son. An artillery mission was fired resulting in eight enemy KIA.

At 301810H Reconnaissance Team DURHAM 119 observed 50 enemy crossing the Chiem Son River, moving north seven kms east-southeast of Liberty Bridge. The enemy had packs, rifles and were wearing gray and green uniforms. An artillery mission was fired resulting in 22 NVA KIA and one secondary explosion.

2. CASUALTIES INFLICTED ON THE ENEMY. See page 23

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3. FRIENDLY CASUALTIES SUSTAINED

a. III MAF CASUALTIES

(1) Battle

<u>KIA</u>			<u>WIA</u>			<u>DOW</u>			<u>MIA</u>		
USMC	USN	USA	USMC	USN	USA	USMC	USN	USA	USMC	USN	USA
37	2	44	493	21	432	9	2	2	0	0	0

(2) Non-Battle

<u>DEATHS</u>			<u>ILL/ INJ</u>		
USMC	USN	USA	USMC	USN	USA
29	0	14	1568	271	1367

b. NUMBER OF COURTS-MARTIAL TRIED:

Summary	98
Special	100
General	10

c. SHORT TONS OF MAIL SENT AND RECEIVED BY III MAF:

Sent; 131 Received; 656

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4. Personnel

a. Special Services Activities

(1) Freedom Hill Recreation Complex

(a) THEATER: The 35MM Indoor theater was operational 29 days during the month of December 1969.

(b) OUTDOOR AMPHITHEATER: The Bob HOPE Show performed on 25 December before approximately 13,000. Cardinal COOKE celebrated mass on 21 December 1969. Approximately 2500 troops attended.

(c) BOWLING CENTER: The center was reopened on 20 December 1969 with LtGen WICKERSON officiating.

(d) USO FREEDOM HILL: The USO sponsored a buffet luncheon for Cardinal COOKE the afternoon of 21 December 1969, following the mass.

(2) R&R Activity (out of Country)

(a) Of 4,779 seats allocated to III MAF, 4,426 were filled for a 92.6% utilization. Of 6,281 seats allocated to III MAF (including Naval Forces in I Corps), 5,959 were filled for a 90.0% utilization. Total allocations for Danang R&R Center consisted of 11,508 of which 10,385 were filled for a utilization percentage of 91.6%.

<u>SITE</u>	<u>III MAF</u>	<u>I CORPS</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
SYDNEY	1,006	1,304	2,310
TOYO	238	329	567
SINGAPORE	141	320	461
HAWAII	1,137	1,428	2,565
HONG KONG	537	879	1,416
TAIPEI	488	515	1,003
BANGKOK	585	827	1,412
MANILA	179	287	466
OKINAWA	115	70	185
TOTALS	4,426	5,959	10,385

(3) R&R Activities (In Country)

(a) Quotas allocated were utilized by 956 personnel. This does not include daily users. Daily users for the month of December totaled approximately 6,200.

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(4) Entertainment

Nashville Cats (CMTS)	1-8 Dec	Musical Variety
Holiday Special '69 (USO)	7-10 Dec	Musical Variety
The Local Board (CMTS)	12-13 Dec	Musical Variety
Baseball Caravan '69 (USO)	10-12 Dec	Handshake Tour
Sig Sakowics (USO)	11-14 Dec	Musical Variety
Ina Balin (USO)	16-21 Dec	Musical Variety
Johnny Grant	23-24 Dec	Handshake Tour
Ron Ely (Tarzan)	27-1 Jan	Handshake Tour

(5) MARS Activities (20 Stations in I Corps)

(a) Messages sent	19,534
(b) Messages received	11,624
(c) Phone patches sent and received	10,054
(d) Hospital calls	297

(6) Tape Facility

(a) 4,620 precorded musical tapes were produced during this reporting period.

(b) 6,254 prerecorded tapes were sold during this reporting period.

(7) Film Library

(a) 112 16MM films were received from Army and Air Force Motion Picture Service - Pacific, Saigon and put into the circuits in I Corps area.

(b) 92 16MM films were repaired by this facility.

(8) Stars and Stripes Distribution

(a) During the period 1-31 December 1969, 39,865 Stars and Stripes free issue newspapers were distributed in the I Corps Area on a daily basis.

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b. Force Chaplain

2 Dec Force Chaplain conducted meeting of Marine Supervisory Chaplains at 1st MAW. Visited World Vision Headquarters in Danang to coordinate Civic Action aid for Tin Lanh Church projects.

3 to 5 Dec Attended MACV Command Chaplain's Conference in Saigon.

6 Dec Visited Boys Town Orphanage. Attended Art Exhibit at VAA sponsored by Mr. McNamara, American Consul, and I Corps Chief of Staff.

7 Dec Conducted Communion Service at III MAF.

8 Dec Visited Father Hoang to coordinate Christmas Program sponsored by III MAF Scholarship Fund and AFEL of Danang. Attended luncheon given by Mr. Nga and Mrs. Hong to discuss Civic Action aid to Vinh Minh School.

9 Dec Visited China Beach Orphanage, Boys Town, and China Beach USO.

10 Dec Visited Sacred Heart Orphanage, China Beach to deliver \$170.00 Chapel Fund contribution.

11 Dec Visited Sacred Heart Orphanage, China Beach, to assist in finalizing paper work on an adoption case.

14 Dec Participated in III MAF Chapel Service and conducted Chapel Service at CAP School.

15 Dec Arranged entertainment for a magician to appear at Boys Town. Conducted meeting of Supervisory Chaplains at 1st MAW.

16 Dec Visited FIC to receive shipment of 9 pallets of clothing for orphans. Visited United World Mission Headquarters in Danang. Delivered 6 boxes of dishes, linens, clothes and toys to China Beach Orphanage.

17 Dec Delivered numerous packages of Christmas cookies and gifts to Mrs. Caldwell at China Beach USO. Was guest of I Corps Catholic Chaplains for dinner at China Beach "O" Club.

18 Dec Conducted Supervisory Chaplains Meeting at 1st MAW for final coordination of itineraries for Cardinal Cooke, Dr. Hoffmann, and Rear Admiral Kelly. Also delivered 448 gifts for ARVN children at TAM KY to 5th ARVN Regiment Social Workers.

19 Dec Visited Hoi An and delivered 130 toys and \$100.00 to Protestant Orphanage, 218 toys and \$736.75 to Catholic Orphanage, and 150 toys and \$125.00 to Buddhist Orphanage. Also delivered \$100.00 to Boys Town in Danang.

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20 Dec Delivered 150 gifts for children of 2nd ROK Marine Brigade of Hoi An.

21 Dec Preached at III MAF Chapel Service. Accompanied General Nickerson in meeting Cardinal Cooke at Danang Air Base. Participated in Cardinal Cooke's Mass at Freedom Hill by serving as escort of Bishop Chi in the processional. Accompanied General Nickerson in meeting Dr. Oswald Hoffmann at Danang Base Operations. Served as official escort for Dr. Hoffmann to 1st Marine Air Wing for dinner and evening service.

22 Dec Hosted Dr. Hoffmann and Miss Suzanne Johnson at breakfast in O-6 Mess. Met Cardinal Cooke's plane on arrival from 7th Fleet. Accompanied General Nickerson in meeting Navy Chief of Chaplains at Danang Base Operations. Served as official escort for Chief of Chaplains. Sponsored and brought welcoming remarks at International Christmas Concert at Vietnamese American Cultural Association. Attended dinner for Chief of Chaplains hosted by Commanding General, III MAF.

23 Dec Escorted Chief of Chaplains on visit to 7th Regiment, Americal Headquarters, MAG's 12 and 13, 9th Engineering Battalion, 1st Marine Division Headquarters and 1st MAF Headquarters. Sponsored all chaplains dinner in honor of the Chief at China Beach Officers Club.

24 Dec Escorted Chief of Chaplains in visits to NSA, NCB Headquarters, dedication of chapels at FLC and NSA Hospital and Christmas Eve Services at 1st MAF. Also, visited patients at NSA Hospital.

25 Dec Conducted Christmas Services with Chief of Chaplains at III MAF and 1st Marine Division. Accompanied Chief of Chaplains in visiting patients aboard USS SANCTUARY. Represented CG, FMFPac and CG, III MAF in presenting gifts to Sacred Heart Orphanage in company with Assistant Chief of Staff, G-5.

28 Dec Visited III MAF patients at NSA Hospital.

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a. General Enemy Situation. Enemy initiated activity continued to be low in intensity demonstrating a general decrease in the indicators from last months figures. Enemy initiated ground incidents showed a decrease from November's 855 to 737 while the number of enemy killed in action was 3,271, a drop of 307 from last months total. The downward trend continued with Hoi Chanhs down 289 to a new total of 524 while the number of incoming rounds decreased, dropping from 1,798 to 1,112.

VC/VCI counterintelligence related activities reflected an intensification of propaganda and proselyting tactics in preparation for the "people's general offensive and uprising phase" of the Winter-Spring campaign, while long range plans for a protracted struggle continues. Terrorist activities continued at a low level and consisted primarily of civilian death and injuries resulting from indiscriminate enemy placement of mines and booby traps.

Enemy activity in QUANG TRI Province during the month was concentrated mainly near the DMZ where NVA units continued to make their presence known in numerous small actions. A significant action occurred on the 5th north-east of GIO LINH, when elements of the 3/1st ARVN contacted an estimated NVA company. In the action that continued most of the day, the ARVN's accounted for 35 enemy killed. The tempo increased as the month came to a end. On the 28th an element of the 1/77 Cavalry received 11x140mm rockets six kilometers south southeast of CON THIEN (YD 135645) resulting in light friendly casualties, then on the 31st, a platoon from A/1-61st was the target of a sapper attack three kilometers southwest of CUA VIET (YD 307682). Three PBR's, gunships and a reaction platoon were committed resulting in 16 enemy killed, probably from the 126th Naval Sapper Regiment.

Overt enemy action was again almost non-existent in THUA THIEN Province, a trend that has lasted through much of the fall. To the west, along the Laotian Border, surveillance efforts have continued to record infiltration into MRTTH from Base Area 611 and friendly aircraft in the vicinity have reported receiving air bursts, further confirmation of extensive enemy preparations to defend what is probably planned as a major infiltration route into the Republic of VIETNAM.

Enemy activity in QUANG NAM Province for the month began at a slow pace but gradually increased as large groups of the enemy were sighted moving generally from west to east. As the movements increased the number of contacts rose. A sharp action occurred on the 24th when a squad of 1/3/1 Marines received fire from an enemy force, nine kilometers north of LIBERTY BRIDGE (AT 938622). In the ensuing fire fight, with an adjacent company of the 3/1 supporting by fire, and artillery and airstrikes blocking possible escape routes, 41 of the enemy were killed with minor friendly casualties.

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Activity in QUANG TIN and QUANG NGAI Provinces was very light consisting of small unit contacts and harassing mortar and small arms fire on CAP, RF and PF positions.

b. Enemy Action Statistics. Facts pertaining to enemy activities in allied operating areas, including combat bases, for the month of December are as follows:

Enemy Initiated Activity

	<u>III MAF</u>	<u>ARVN</u>	<u>CAP</u>	<u>ROKMC</u>	<u>CIDG</u>
Attacks	3	5	2	0	1
Ambushes	2	0	0	0	0
Assaults by Fire	1	18	0	0	0
Harassing Fire	207	93	55	7	1
Mines/Booby Traps	168	75	12	0	1
AA Fire	335	4	0	0	0

Total Acts of Terrorism for ICTZ - 76

c. Enemy Order of Battle. Confirmed forces operating in ICTZ as of 31 December 1969.

(1) QUANG TRI (P). Confirmed units in QUANG TRI Province include only those considered to operate south of the DMZ. Major units were regimental size 7th Front, the 246th NVA Regiment and the 2d Battalion, 84th Artillery Regiment. Additionally, a battalion of the 27th NVA Regiment and elements of the 31st NVA Regiment operated in the province. The total enemy strength in QUANG TRI Province was 3,455.

(2) THUA THIEN (P). Confirmed units in THUA THIEN Province included the 4th and 5th NVA Regiments, along with elements of the 6th NVA Regiment. The K32, K34 and K35 Artillery Battalions subordinate to the TRI-THIEN-HUE Military Region also operated with the infantry regiments within the province. Additionally, four local force companies and one independent local force battalion operated in THUA THIEN Province. The total enemy strength in the province was 3,350.

(3) QUANG NAM (P). Enemy forces in QUANG NAM Province consisted of Front Headquarters and support units, the 31st, 36th, 90th and 141st NVA Regiments, and thirteen independent battalions. The independent battalions are the 1st Recon Battalion, 573d, 575th and 577th NVA Rocket Battalions, the 12th, 13th, 14th and 15th NVA Infantry Battalions, the 3d, T87, T89, HAI VAN and 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(4) QUANG TIN (P). The 2d NVA Division Headquarters and support units, the 1st VC and 3d NVA (AKA 31st) Regiments of the 2d NVA Division, six independent battalions which include the 70th and 72d LF Infantry Battalions, the 74th LF Heavy Weapons Battalion, the 78th LF Artillery Battalion, the 409th and 76th Sapper Battalions, and six local force companies were located in the province. The total enemy strength in QUANG TIN Province was 5,665.

(5) QUANG NGAI (P). The 21st NVA Regiment of the 2d NVA Division, 22d NVA Regiment of the 3d NVA Division, six independent battalions which include the 38th LF, 48th LF and 120th MF Infantry Battalions, the 9th and 406th Sapper Battalions, and the 107th Artillery Battalion, and 20 local force companies were located in the province. The total enemy strength in QUANG NGAI Province was 4,295.

d. Counterintelligence

(1) Counterintelligence Monthly Overview. VC/VCI counterintelligence related activities during December focused primarily on efforts to solicit/coerce physical, material and political support from the populace in preparation for what the enemy was calling the "people's general offensive and uprising phase" to be conducted in conjunction with a planned large scale military offensive during the Winter-Spring Campaign.

An increase in both civilian and military proselyting and associated propaganda activities was evident, particularly during the latter part of the period.

Expected high points of brief intensified enemy military activity, as indicated by various agent, PW and rallier reports, in conjunction with numerous anniversaries/dates of enemy significance in December, failed to materialize.

Despite VC/VCI emphasis on preparation for a people's offensive and uprising in conjunction with a planned large scale military offensive, long range plans and activities for a protracted struggle continued. Of significance was an enemy document captured in southern I Corps on 12 December 1969, pertaining to the study of an addendum to COSVN's Resolution 1 (see paragraph 2). The document reflected on attempts to obviate the significant threat posed by further "Vietnamization" of the war through a large scale offensive and indicated that a cease fire would be accepted only when the (NVA/VC/VCI) are sure to win in our political competition. The document stated that among the preconditions noted were, when the Americans withdraw their troops from NVA, a coalition government is formed and the NVA/VC/VCI are stronger than the enemy (GVN) in various aspects and the NVA/VC/VCI are confident to the degree of political strength felt necessary.

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to fulfill communist goals in RVN). In the event a planned large scale offensive failed to propagate those preconditions, the enemy then planned to pursue a protracted struggle.

(2) Propaganda and Subversion. VC/VCI propaganda and subversive efforts were focused primarily on counterpacification, "gaining the people", and combatting further "Vietnamization" of the war through the concerted use of civil and military proselyting tactics.

Propaganda efforts to exploit popular frustration generated by the war and gain the control and/or support of greater numbers of the population, continued to fabricate and/or distort the facts concerning US troop withdrawals, anti-war activities in the US, US racial bias and conflicts, US goals in Vietnam, GVN economic and pacification measures, defoliation, and various war related grievances and damages.

Selected enemy cadre, soldiers and children, continued to be sent to North VIETNAM for training and eventual return to key posts and various communist positions of leadership in South VIETNAM.

(3) Terrorism. Terrorist activity during the period continued at a relatively low level and consisted primarily of civilian deaths and injuries resulting from indiscriminate enemy placement of mines and booby traps and disregard for the presence or close proximity of civilians during attacks by fire. A moderate increase in terrorism was evidenced late in the period. Selective assassination and attempted terrorist intimidation of village and hamlet level GVN officials, security and pacification personnel, and active GVN supporters continued. Numerous captured documents and intelligence reports indicated that at least one of the main objectives of the planned Winter-Spring Offensive would be widespread assassinations, abduction and thought reform training of "tyrants" (GVN officials) and reactionaries (GVN supporters and sympathizers). Thus an intensification of terrorist activities, particularly selected assassination and kidnapping was expected from January through Tet 1970.

(4) Sabotage. Enemy sabotage and/or sabotage related activities diminished from the relatively low level of the previous month to an extremely low level during December consisting of the damage/destruction of two road culverts in QUANG TRI Province, and electric utility pole in THUA THIEN Province, and a bunker vicinity of the CAM LIE BRIDGE (BT 014718), QUANG NAM Province in which one Marine was killed and three wounded. Three Vietnamese boys, ages approximately 13-14 were chased away from the bunker approximately 15 minutes prior to an explosion.

(5) Espionage. No reports of confirmed enemy espionage activities were received during December and is considered a failure to detect such activity rather than the absence thereof.

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e. Enemy Losses. Enemy losses during the month of December were as follows:

	<u>III MAF</u>	<u>RVNAF</u>	<u>ROKMC</u>	<u>CIDG</u>	<u>CAP</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
KIA's	1,616	1,233	95	25	68	2,969
Detainees	1,359	25	0	10	108	1,394
PW's/NVA	27	4	0	1	2	32
PW's/VC	53	255	4	2	37	314
Returns/NVA	2	0	0	0	1	2
Returns/VC	66	73	1	0	28	140
Civil Defendants	173	0	0	0	0	173
Innocent Civilians	345	0	0	0	0	345
Individual Weapons	348	637	19	33	46	1,037
Crew-Served Weapons	14	64	1	0	1	69
Total Ho Chi Chanhs returned to both military and civil authorities - 524						

f. Kit Carson Scout Program. Significant accomplishments of Kit Carson Scouts employed by Marine Divisions for the period 1-31 December were as follows:

	<u>1ST MARDIV</u>	<u>FLC</u>
Patrols	1,095	31
Classes Conducted	66	0
Psyops Broadcasts	13	0
Enemy Captured/Suspects Apprehended	2/5	0
Enemy killed	4	0
Weapons Recovered	18	0
Returns	0	0
Caves/Tunnels/Caches Detected	35	0
Mines/Booby Traps Detected	27	0

31 December 1969. The status of Kit Carson Scouts was as follows:

	No. KCS	No. KCS	No. KCS			
	<u>Employed</u>	<u>Recruited</u>	<u>KIA</u>	<u>WIA</u>	<u>MIA</u>	<u>DES</u>
1st Airborne Division	116	0	2	3	0	0
Force Logistics Command	2	0	0	0	0	0
Amphibious Division	181	16	1	3	0	0
101st Airborne Division (Airmobile)	214	0	0	2	0	0
1st Brigade, 5th Infantry Div (Mech)	84	13	0	1	0	0

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a. General. Operations continued through December in ICTZ with no major changes in logistic posture. There were no named operations in December. Logistic support was provided to operating forces by helicopters, truck convoys and tracked vehicles. Intermittent inclement weather hampered small boat coastal and harbor off-load operations throughout the month. As a result resupply of units in NICTZ was slowed somewhat and ammo off-load was suspended for several days due to harbor swells. Enemy action had little effect on overall logistic support in ICTZ, with the exception of 26 December when enemy ground fire took its toll of one C7A aircraft at Tien Phuoc.

b. G-4

(1) Highlights of G-4 action during December were:

(a) From 3 to 5 December, Major H.J. MCCANN, Assistant G-4 Plans Officer, attended the FMFPac Rebuild Conference at Okinawa.

(b) From 2 to 5 December, Colonel W.F. SIMLIK, Assistant Chief of Staff, G-4, attended the FMFPac Logistic Conference and the executive portion of the FMFPac Rebuild Conference. Both conferences were held on Okinawa.

(c) On 17 December, P.W. MANTYLA, USA, Assistant G-4 Operations Officer, attended the Contractor Property Allocation Conference at MACV. This conference was held with regard to future real estate planning.

(d) On 17 December, the monsoon requirements for 1970-71 were established. Items of monsoon equipment are plastic sheeting, lightweight rainsuits, sleeping shirts, waterproof pistol covers, fighting hole covers and rainsuit repair kits.

(e) On 21 December, Lieutenant Colonel K.L. ROBINSON, G-4 Plans Officer, attended a Planning Conference at USAFV. This conference was held to prepare the Facilities Annex of MACV 186 Plan.

(f) On 30 December, a study of ICTZ airfields was completed. This evaluation was aimed at reducing the number of airfields for which the U.S. is responsible; establishing priorities for allocating resources; and defining specific requirements and responsibilities of airfield operations.

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(g) In December, a program was instituted to supervise disposal procedures at sanitary fills. This is aimed at keeping unauthorized materials from being dumped.

c. Dental

(1) Dental Civic Action (MEDCAP II) conducted by III MAF Dental Companies during the month of December was as follows:

a. Dental Procedures	1587
b. Patients Treated	753

(2) Total officer/enlisted strength of III MAF Headquarters and dental companies as of 31 December:

a. Dental Officer	51
b. Medical Service Corps	3
c. Dental Technicians	84
d. USMC/enlisted	7

(3) Total number of facilities operated by III MAF Headquarters and dental companies throughout I Corps area as of 31 December was 25.

(4) Total number of DENTCAP and Military procedures accomplished by III MAF Headquarters and dental companies throughout I Corps area during the quarters. (1 Oct - 31 Dec)

a. Total DENTCAP procedures	6,507
b. Total Military procedures	83,720

d. Embarkation

(1) Transportation Summary

(a) Air Operation Summary. Airlifts proceeded in a routine manner during December. Common Service Passenger totals decreased by 8099, from 70063 in November to 61964 in December. Cargo decreased 76.2 S/T's, from 9487.5 S/T in November to 9411.3 S/T in December. C7A passengers also decreased by 721, from 3290 in November to 2569 in December. Cargo increased by 111.7 S/T, from 993.8 S/T in November to 11055 S/T in December. Marine fixed wing cargo decreased 162.6 S/T, from 700.0 S/T in November to 537.4 in December. Passengers also decreased with a drop of 1228, from 7349 in November to 6121 in December. Marine helicopter passenger lifts (OH-93) increased by 5401, from 31612 in November to 37013 in December. Cargo decreased by 83.7

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S/T, from 3489.0 S/T in November to 3405.3 S/T in December. There was one practice emergency resupply (airdrop) flown on common service airlift (CSAS), and two emergency resupply (airdrop) flown by First Marine Aircraft Wing (1st MAW). There were two combat essential airlifts flown by CSAS.

(b) Surface Operation Summary. Enemy activity had little effect on the movement of cargo by surface means in ICTZ. During the month of December the seasonal monsoon flow was accompanied by the usual conditions in ICTZ restricting surface cargo operations for 12 days of the month. Over 8850 S/T's of cargo was retrograded by surface means from ICTZ port facilities to Danang. 16972 S/T's of retrograde was shipped out of country. Input into NICTZ totaled 30265 S/T, an increase of 9885 S/T over November. Input into Chu Lai was 33789 S/T while Sa Huynh received 1074 S/T. Danang received a total of 142295 S/T at all pier and ramp facilities which represents an increase of 6071 S/T over November. Total cargo input into ICTZ by surface means was 2074423 S/T, an overall increase from November. Over 700 S/T of grade III CL V was seadumped, leaving about 850 S/T remaining to be seadumped.

(c) Land Operations Summary. During the month of December, there were 83 resupply convoys carrying a total of 15,564 S/T and 18 retrograde convoys carrying a total of 2,189 S/T's.

(d) Air Operations Statistical Summary.

	USAF	USMC	TOTAL
PAX	67102	66695	133797
CARGO	10516.8	5370.8	15887.6

Special Missions Flown.

<u>No.</u>	<u>Type</u>	<u>ACFT/COMP</u>	<u>Cargo S/T</u>	<u>PAX</u>
1	ER (Training)	C-130/USAF	25	0
2	ER	KC-130F/USMC	16	0
2	CE	C-130/USAF	17.4	1

(e) Surface Operations Statistical Summary.

44 Deep Draft Vessels embarked/debarked Danang
 37 MSTs LST's embarked/debarked Danang
 1 USN LST's embarked/debarked Danang
 169 YFU/LCU embarked/debarked Danang
 41 Barges embarked/debarked Danang

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<u>Port</u>	<u>Offload</u>	<u>Daily Avg</u>	<u>Thru Put</u>	<u>Daily Avg</u>
DNG	142295	4590	327309	10558
DH/CV	12181	392	19544	627
H/TM	18084	584	20758	669
CL/S-4	<u>34863</u>	<u>1124</u>	<u>40078</u>	<u>1325</u>
TOTAL	207423	6691	407689	13179

(f) Highway Operations Statistical Summary.

DNG - North	4,713
AFVN - North	1,290
DNG - An Hoa	3,646
Other	<u>5,915</u>

(83) 15,564 S/T = Resupply MissionRetrograde Missions

(18) 2,189 S/T

(2) Chronological Listing of Events for December 1969

- 3 Dec - Cargo operation reduced due to bad seas and weather.
- 7 Dec - Moved a detachment of 12 bulldozers and 15 men from 7th Ingr Bn from Danang to Barrier Island.
- 7-8 Dec - CE # 12-129 airlifted 12 recoil mechanisms (5560 lbs) from Danang to Cam Ranh Bay for Delta Bty, 5/27 Regt, USA, by 1 C-130 (CSAS).
- 9 Dec - Ceased offload of ammo ship seaside due to heavy seas and swells in the harbor. Coastal operations terminated.
- 10 Dec - Unfavorable weather abating. Inner harbor operations continued. Coastal operations remain closed.
- 11 Dec - Ammo operations seaside hampered by harbor swells.
- 12 Dec - Ammo operations seaside hampered by harbor swells.

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- 14 Dec - Ammo offload seaside suspended due to harbor swell. Moved a detachment of 16 bulldozers and 25 men from 9th Engr and 39th Engr from Chu Lai to Barrier Island.
- 14-15 Dec - CE / WFOB 12-15 airlifted 28,983 lbs of ammunition containers from Danang to Nakhon Phanom, Thailand for 50th special operations wing, USAF, by 1 C-130 (CSAS).
- 16 Dec - Air dropped 11,116 lbs rations and batteries to I, K, L and M companies of 7th Marines (emergency resupply) by 1st MAW KC-130F. Ammo offload seaside remains suspended due to harbor swells adverse weather forecast for at least another 24 hours.
- 17 Dec - Airdropped 12,825 lbs rations, heat, and batteries to I and M companies of 7th Marines (emergency resupply) by 1st MAW KC-130F. Ammo offload seaside remains suspended due to harbor swells adverse weather forecast for at least another 24 hours.
- 18 Dec - Adverse weather abating. Commenced ammo offload seaside.
- 19 Dec - Airlifted 52,923 lbs ammo from Danang to Nakhon Phanom for 50th special operations wing. Two C-130 sorties required. SMAR 12-114. Terminated ammo offload seaside due to harbor swells.
- 20 Dec - Emergency resupply (training) airdropped 50,000 lbs of ration construction materials, and ammunition to LZ Sally for 101st Airborne Division, USA, by C-130's (CSAS). Airlifted 2189 lbs general cargo from Danang to Tan Son Nhut for Chief, Naval Advisory Group, Vietnam. Airlifted 1904 lbs (12 generators) from Tan Son Nhut to Danang for 1st Mar Div on return flight. 1st MAW C-117 was utilized. Commenced ammo offload seaside.

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- 21 Dec - A break in weather is allowing cargo operations to move satisfactorily.
- 21-24 Dec - Airlifted 23,869 lbs messhall equipment from Danang to Cubi Pt. For COMNAVSTA Subic Bay, P.P. on 1st MAW KC-130F MAFTACLOG and special flight.
- 25 Dec - Airlifted Admiral John S. McCain, CINCPAC, and party within ICTZ by 1st MAW KC-130F.
- 26 Dec - A C7A, tail no. 639723, while turning final at Tien Phuoc airfield, received ground fire and crashed, killing the pilot and crew chief and critically injuring the co-pilot.
- 27 Dec - Coastal operations and ammo ship off-load suspended due to heavy seas and inner harbor swells.
- 28 Dec - A HAMS-13 C-117D crashed 8 NM southwest of Chu Lai at 1410H. Flight crew (4 members) killed not due to enemy action. Aircraft found at 1420H 30 Dec 69.
- 30 Dec - Tien Phuoc declared a high threat area by 7th Air Force. All airlift missions flown by 834th Air Division must have FAC and flight coverage.
- 31 Dec - Received one additional KC-130F from I MEF for Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, operations.

e. Engineer

(1) Major Construction Projects Started:

- (a) Cau Do Bridge Repair
- (b) 58th Transportation Company Hangars
- (c) Maintenance Hangar, Marble Mountain Air Facility
- (d) A/C and A/F Storage room
- (e) Security lights, 1st Logistics Command
- (f) Primary Lighting, Marble Mountain Air Facility

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- (2) Major Construction Projects Completed:
- (a) Chu Lai, POL Transfer Line
 - (b) Restored Bridge QL-1-14 (YD 5193/49)
 - (c) FLC Retrograde Apron
 - (d) Repair, shoulder stabilization, Danang Air Base
 - (e) MAG-16 Apron and taxiway
 - (f) South By-Pass, ML-1A
 - (g) I Corps Electrical Distribution System
 - (h) Poured concrete for 45 Aircraft shelters, MAG-11
 - (i) Deep Water Pier protection, restoration
- (3) Road and Bridge Resume
- (a) Serious enemy LOC interdictions were non-existent during December. Only a few culverts sustained damage.
 - (b) Repair of the 380 foot Pho Trach Bridge, which was heavily damaged during the November floods, was completed on 23 December 1969. Construction commenced on one major bridge, the 9 span, 730 foot Song Cau Do located on highway QL-1, 3 kilometers south of Danang.
 - (c) Modification of Cooper Bridge located on Route ML-12 E (Coordinates BT 032648) commenced on 22 December. The bridge is being modified for installation of a technical lift span to permit passage of PBF craft on the Vinh Dien River.
- (4) Vietnamese National Railroad

There were no enemy interdictions on the railroad between Danang and Hue. The My Chanh Bridge is being restored by the VNRS and is now 25% complete. Hue to Dong Ha rail restoration has been hampered by lack of equipment, rain and by the badly deteriorated condition of the rail bed. 13.5 kilometers of track have now been restored.

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f. Food Services

(1) On 19 December 1969 the III MAF Subsistence Operational Analysis Report for the month of November 1969 was submitted to HQMC. Data highlights are:

Value of "A" & "B" rations issued:.....	\$ 3,957,058.82
Value of MCI's issued:.....	\$ 2,250,698.75
Average No. fed "A" & "B" rations daily:....	75,233
Average No. fed MCI's daily:.....	14,220
Daily average cost to feed:.....	2.313
RSSP's issued:.....	106,986.33
LFP's issued:.....	61,920.72
Fuel Trioxane:.....	255,162.84
Pounds of bread manufactured:.....	655,104
Pounds of Bread received from the Army:....	53,982
Gal of milk issued:.....	367,713
Gal of ice cream issued:.....	53,982
Pounds of ice issued:.....	875,000
Number of meals sold:.....	7,833
Total expenditure for Class I supplies:.....	\$ 6,632,721.99

g. Motor Transport

(1) On 1 December, LtCol SHIMANOFF detached as Force Motor Transport Officer to assume command of the 1st Motor Transport Battalion, 1st Marine Division (Rein).

(2) On 9 December, Major M.J. ZACHODNI reported to III MAF as Force Transport Officer.

(3) Motor Transport statistics for December for the three Motor Transport Battalions and Truck Company, FLC are:

Mileage	<u>459,776</u>	Passengers	<u>157,056</u>
Tonnage	<u>74,643</u>	Fuel	<u>761,101</u>

h. Ordnance

(1) During December a representative from MACV, J42, reevaluated the ammunition storage capacity of ASP #1, Danang.

(2) A meeting was held at the Force Ordnance Office on 28 December 1969 to coordinate and discuss agenda items for the Semi-Annual FMFPac Ordnance Conference scheduled during February 1970. Representatives from the First Marine Division, Force Logistics Command, First Marine Aircraft Wing, and III Marine Amphibious Force Ordnance Office were present.

i. Supply

(1) The 16th periodic FMFPAC Logistic Conference was

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held on Okinawa during the period 1-5 Dec 1969. All major Marine commands in the Western Pacific were represented by principal supply/logistics staff officers and by commanders of major service support organizations. Headquarters, III MAF was represented by the Assistant Chief of Staff, G-4 and the Assistant Force Supply Officer. The purpose of this conference was to discuss logistics matters pertaining to WESTPAC forces. Recommended actions were developed and published.

(2) On 26 Dec 69 the Assistant Force Supply Officer attended a conference held at COMUSMACV, Saigon. The topic of discussion was a request by the Defense Supply Agency (DSA) for assistance in adjusting forecasts for in-country requirements for DSA managed items in order to preclude uniform across the board reductions in procurement by the DSA. The DSA requested factors representing the expected relationship of future demand to past demand in broad categories of supplies or commodities as well as individual forecasts of demands to be placed upon the DSA for selected high dollar value items. It was requested that the item forecasts be for an 18 month period, by quarter, commencing 1 April 70.

(3) A liaison visit was made to various units in the northern ICTZ to assure availability of U.S. Army logistical support to Marine units pending finalization of an Inter-service Support Agreement. Marine units were queried as to the adequacy of supply support in all classes of supply. Elements of the U.S. Army 26th General Support Group were then visited to verify sources of support and identify key individuals. Overall support provided by the Army was found to be very good. Future liaison visits are planned on a monthly basis to include supply and maintenance representatives from the Force Logistic Command.

J. Medical

(1) The total average patient load for 1st Medical Battalion and 1st Hospital Company was 200 with a total of 854 admitted and 268 patients evacuated out of country. 290 pints of whole blood were expended to use.

(2) Information relative to III MAF in-patient treatment facilities is as follows:

<u>TAOF</u>	<u>UNIT</u>	<u>AUTH BEDS</u>	<u>ACT BEDS</u>	<u>AVE CENSUS</u>	<u>%OCC</u>
Danang	1st Med Bn 1st Mar Div	300	300	195	65
Danang	1st Hosp Co 1st Mar Div	100	100	11	11

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(3) The USS SANCTUARY (AH-17) was LogSup III MAF the entire month of December. The USS REPOSE (AH-16) departed for Subic Bay 29 December 1969. Both ships were on station at the below locations as the tactical situation required.

(a) Danang Harbor

(b) Quang Tri - Dong Ha operating area

(4) III MAF Medical Department strength as of 31 December 1969 is as follows:

	<u>2100</u> <u>Allow/OB</u>	<u>2300</u> <u>Allow/OB</u>	<u>HM'S</u> <u>Allow/OB</u>
1st Mar Div	89/78	17/12	1097/1282
1st MAW	42/28	2/3	208/158
FLC/1st FSR	8/7	6/4	156/142
III MAF Hq	<u>3/3</u>	<u>3/3</u>	<u>157/191</u>
TOTALS	142/116	28/22	1612/1773

(5) Figures shown under III MAF Headquarters include 131 Hospital Corpsmen assigned to the Combined Action Program as follows:

CAG School(Dng)	1st CAG (Chu Lai)	2nd CAG (Hoi An)	3rd CAG (Phu Bai)	4th CA3 (Quang Tri)
4	32	40	34	21

(6) There was no helo dispersal of insecticides during December 69.

(7) RADM F.B. VORIS, CINCPACFLT Medical Officer arrived 25 December 1969 for informal visit.

k. Salvage

(1) On 7 June the SS PHONG CHAU, loaded with POL and moored at berth no. 6, Danang Commercial Port, was sunk at her berth by enemy rocket fire, blocking access to the berth. Salvage operations were initiated by C3, III MAF.

(2) To date one piece from the starboard center section remains to be removed. Total cost of the PHONG CHAU salvage operation is \$7688.18.

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7. Comptroller

a. Significant events for December 1969

There were no significant events for the month of December 1969.

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Command Chronology for December 1969

8. Civil Affairs.

a. Objectives. The basic objectives of the III Marine Amphibious Force Civil Affairs Program remain the same.

b. Civic Action Statistics.

(1) Cost of supplies contributed from military resources for civic action projects (does not include cost of commodities obtained from USAID, CORDS, CRS, and like organizations): \$VN 7,432,642

(2) Expenditures from US/FWMAF Civic Action/PSYWAR Fund:
\$VN 1,805,759

(3) Major Civic Action Programs:	<u>Man-days</u> <u>(10-hr day)</u>	<u>\$VN</u>
a. Economic Development (includes agriculture, fisheries, markets, cottage industries):	1,017	875,275
b. Education (increase & development of school facilities, classroom or other group instruction; excludes technical training in a, c, and d):	2,541	3,179,021
c. Social Welfare (assistance to hospitals, refugees, orphanages, religious organizations, other institutions, groups & individuals):	3,645	3,669,853
d. Transportation (improved or increased means of transportation, e.g., roads, bridges, waterways):	659	351,451
e. Refugee Assistance Support (includes refugee assistance reported in a, b, c, and d):	3,203	2,606,129

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(4) Number of separate institutions assisted during the reporting period.

a. Schools	<u>229</u>
b. Orphanages	<u>54</u>
c. Hospitals/Dispensaries	<u>104</u>
d. Other	<u>58</u>

(5) MEDCAP-DENTCAP

a. Treatments

	<u>Number of Patients</u>
Medical	
Resulting from Hostile Action	693
Not resulting from Hostile Action	61,759
Immunizations	1,139
Dental	<u>1,239</u>
Total Patients	<u>64,830</u>

b. Number of Vietnamese Health Workers Trained; 150

c. Civic Action Projects. The following are highlights of significant civic action projects conducted during the month of December 1969.

(1) Quang Tri Province, 1st Infantry Brigade, 5th Infantry Division (Mech) reports:

The repair of a bus station in Gio Son Village was completed this month. The building is located beside QL 1, the life line through Quang Tri Province terminating in Gio Linh district. The station has become a focal point for the area, a source of news, commerce point and a place for informal meetings. Capitalizing on this the district chief has allocated space to the Vietnamese Information Service and placed cadre there to provide information and news to the people.

1,110 ducklings were purchased with funds provided by the Brigade and the Chieu Hoi advisor. The ducklings were presented to the families of ralliers in an attempt to restore their agrarian livelihood. Three months ago a similar distribution was made of 1,010 ducklings. Over 70% of these are still alive

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and maturing well.

Construction projects underway include two new schools and a library for Hai Lang High School.

(2) Thua Thien Province, 101st Airborne Division reports:

The Division completed construction of two classrooms. Five school repair projects are underway.

(3) Quang Nam Province

The Phieu Hiep village nurse has been receiving on the job training in the 7th Marines Regimental Aid Station. The result is improved quality of medical care in the village.

Force Logistics Command reports that the completion of the Village Self Defense Headquarters compound in Nam O is a particularly significant event. It provides for the first time a relatively secure headquarters area for the administration of these type forces. It also provides a central billeting area for the reaction forces for the village. This project was a success because of the mutual involvement. The people provided the money to purchase the land and furnished the labor to construct the building and three bunkers. The civic action team furnished the materials. The people realized the importance of this project when Province officials came to the opening ceremonies.

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9. Psychological Warfare Operations

a. Chieu Hoi Program:

PROVINCE RECEIVED RALLIED	TOTAL BY PROV.	REC'D BY		CLASSIFICATION				RALLIED WITH WEAPON
		RVNAF/ GVN	US/ FWMAF	VC	NVA	POL	OTHER	
QUANG TRI	10	4	6	7	1	2	0	2
THUA THIEN	10	9	1	5	2	3	0	8
QUANG NAM	296	270	26	125	5	165	1	8
QUANG TIN	310	309	1	114	1	129	36	20
QUANG NGAI	159	155	4	72	3	84	0	5
TOTAL	785	747	38	353	12	383	37	43

b. Media Production and dissemination:

(1) 7th PsyOp Battalion Production:

Total basic (10 1/2" X 15") impressions: 9,228,636
 Leaflets printed: 23,673,000
 Posters printed: 187,000
 Handbills printed: 162,500
 Newspapers printed: 308,000

(2) Flight "A" 9th SOS operations - ICTZ

Total PsyOp sorties flown: 203
 Total targets scheduled: 6,432
 Total leaflet targets flown: 1,585
 Total tape targets flown: 552
 Total leaflets dropped: 57,816,000
 Total tape time: 73:43

(3) Ground loudspeaker broadcast hours: 825:20

(4) Waterborne loudspeaker broadcast hours: 23:00

(5) Movie showings/hours: 376/338:15

(6) Cultural Drama Team Performances: 17

c. Campaign Support:*

	<u>THEME</u>	<u>LFETS (AJR DROPPED)</u>	<u>AJR BROADCAST HRS</u>
(1)	Chieu Hoi	54,986,664	89:02
(2)	Anti VC/NVA	2,840,000	30:05

*NOTE - Includes total support rendered by RVNAF/FWMAF Agencies as well as by US military and civil PsyOp as reported to III MAF.

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<u>THEME</u>	<u>LETS (AIR DROPPED)</u>	<u>AIR BROADCAST HRS</u>
(3) Support GVN	25,408,324	101:33
(4) Rewards	1,743,000	:10

d. Tactical PsyOp in Support of Major III MAF Operations:

<u>OPERATION</u>	<u>LETS DELIVERED</u>	<u>AIR/GND BDCST HRS</u>
(1) Randolph Glen	35,976,000	108:05/224:00
(2) Republic Square	10,000,000	31:30/78:30
(3) Iron Mountain	4,512,000	19:35/36:45
(4) Nantucket Beach	2,898,000	4:40/35:45
(5) Geneva Park	2,748,000	6:45/52:00
(6) Fredrick Hill	2,020,000	8:55/35:30

e. Narrative Summary(1) General

(a) PsyOp activities in ICTZ were hampered during December by inclement weather, especially during the first half of the month.

(b) The III MAF monthly PsyOp Conference was held at Flight "A", 9th SOS on 8 December 1969. Each subordinate command presented a summary of recent PsyOp activity. The summaries were reviewed to determine problems encountered, the effectiveness of the various campaigns, themes, media and technique, and lessons learned.

(c) The Force PsyOp Officer attended the MACV POLWAR/PsyOp Conference at MACV Headquarters on 17 December.

(d) The III MAF Monthly PsyOp Orientation course for newly assigned PsyOp/S-5 Officers was conducted at 7th PsyOp Bn on 30 December 1969. Twelve officers attended.

(e) The three Officer committee, appointed in November to study operational PsyOp procedures in ICTZ, submitted its study to the Force PsyOp Officer on 30 December 1969.

(f) The 101st Airborne Division (airmobile) reported that its second aerial loudspeaker system became operational during the last week of December. The 1st Infantry Brigade, 5th Infantry Division (Mech) reported delivery of PsyOp messages from a 500 watt speaker system in a UH-1. Missions are flown nightly in conjunction with an aerial surveillance system. The First Coastal Zone Advisor, Naval Advisory Group made its initial use of night aerial broadcasting during the third week of December.

(g) The 101st Airborne Division (airmobile) cordons used Cultural Drama, Armed Propaganda, Audio Visual and Loudspeaker teams in processing 5000 villagers during 11-17 December. 72 persons were detained:

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11 VC; 140 VCS; 20 "Draft Dodgers; and 1 deserter. Organic Helicopters delivered leaflets on 73 targets on 13 Dec. Seven Quick Response Leaflets were developed during the week of 11-17 December.

(2) Program Evaluation and Results

(a) Chieu Hoi

1. The 785 Hoi Chanh who rallied during December was second only to the November record of 813.

2. Five VC rallied with their families to the Americal Division in Hau Duc District on 1 December. Reading PsyOp Leaflets and hearing Aerial Broadcasts were cited as inducing these Hoi Chanh to rally.

3. The 101st Airborne Division (airmobile) exploited three Hoi Chanh who rallied during the 4-10 December period by using taped broadcasts and quick response leaflets containing their pictures and handwritten statements. Tape broadcasts were played and leaflets directed into locations of their former units. A Hoi Chanh who rallied to the 101st during the period 25-31 December gave two reasons: (1) lack of food and (2) a tape rally-appeal made by a former comrade. The Hoi Chanh made a live aerial broadcast to his former comrades approximately four hours after he had rallied.

(b) Pro - GVN

1. All commands emphasized Pro GVN messages by APT, CDT, HB and HE teams, leaflet drops and aerial broadcasts (including Earlyword) to support operations during December.

2. During December the 1st Marine Division experimented with new techniques to diversify their PsyOp program and reach larger audiences. The first new procedure involved operations in which the division PsyOp resources were reinforced by teams from two companies of the 10th (ARVN) PolWar Bn to conduct loudspeaker broadcast and audio-visual presentations. Additionally, the division increased the proportion of the PsyOp effort devoted to face-to-face communications by conduct of loud-speaker broadcast in populated areas in connection with support for GVN, and by emphasis on movie presentations in HES rated "C" and "D" villages during evening hours when day workers and young people can attend. The main objective of these innovations is to increase Vietnamese participation in PsyOp, increase awareness and discussion of GVN progress and reach some important new audiences. The indications are that each of the techniques have merit and will be continued.

(c) Anti - NVA/VC

1. XXIV Corps units concluded the 90 day "High Price of Rice" campaign on 31 December. The momentum of the Anti-NVA/VC rice denial campaign will be revived for the spring harvest.

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2 The 101st Airborne Division reported efforts to exploit dissension between VC and NVA units in the Division TAOR. The 1st Marine Division developed propaganda to exploit the specific units involved in their TAOR.

3 The Americal Division used organic aircraft to deliver 150,000 leaflets on the dangers to NVA infiltrators on 8 December. The 101st Airborne Division conducted an Anti-NVA CH-47 leaflet drop over suspected NVA locations on 20 December. The leaflets emphasized harsh living conditions, lack of food and medicine, and promised good treatment for PW.

4 The Joint Propaganda Development Center developed Pro-GVN material to "mimic" the communist fondness for citing political and military teaching points in groups of three.

(d) Voluntary Informant Program

1 The 1st Marine Division reported 7,320 \$VN paid for six incidents resulting in 1X105mm rd, 4X60mm rds, 21XM-79 Rds, 6XM-26 Grenades, 1 Compass, 4 Booby traps and assorted miscellaneous ammunition. The 5th Special Forces Group reported 2,000 \$VN paid for information on a medical cache.

2 The 1st Marine Division is planning an intensive campaign to encourage children to report mines and booby traps in the Division TAOR. The theme is "Mines have no Friends." The coordinated combined campaign (Operation Save-A-Leg) will begin in early January 1970.

(3) PsyOp Intelligence

During the month of December the prominent enemy propaganda themes were:

(a) Demand a coalition government be formed with the PRG and the demise of the THIEU - KY puppet government; prepare for a long political struggle.

(b) Americans massacre civilians, kill innocent people, cause prices to become excessively high, and destroy crops and forests by defoliation.

(c) Rise up against the GVN tax increase and seek reconciliation for peace.

(d) "Afro-Americans", refuse to participate in the war; youths of Vietnam, do something to welcome and support the anti-war demonstrations to the American youths.

(e) As a result of successive defeats the U.S. is withdrawing its troops; all American soldiers will soon leave SVN and a coalition government will be formed with the NLF/PRG.

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(f) Vietnamization of the war is a result of worldwide anti-war movements; the U.S. will slowly withdraw from SVN while implementing their plan for de-Americanization of the war.

(g) Vietnamization of the war is President Nixon's way of prolonging the war.

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10. Communications

a. Message volume through the III MAF Communication Center:

	<u>Nov</u>	<u>Dec</u>	<u>Increase</u>	<u>Decrease</u>
Incoming	34514	33983		531
Outgoing	14274	14401	127	
Total	48788	48384		404

b. Combat Operations Center Communications Center traffic:

	<u>Nov</u>	<u>Dec</u>	<u>Increase</u>	<u>Decrease</u>
Incoming	4500	5054	554	
Outgoing	5433	5625	192	
Total	9933	10679	746	

c. Headquarters, III MAF message traffic originated:

November	3522
December	3199
Decrease	323

d. The average daily subscriber call rate through the III MAF AN/TTC-28 was 10,335. This figure does not include a daily average of 253 operator processed trunk calls.

e. LtCol CASH and Capt MYERS visited FLC G-3M to coordinate maintenance support of the KY-38 on 4 Dec.

f. Commander JACKSON, Commanding Officer, NAVFAC, Danang visited III MAF facilities on 8 Dec.

g. Col OGDEN, newly designated Commanding Officer 12th Signal Group, visited III MAF facilities on 9 Dec.

h. MGySgt VESEY attended MARES presentation given by representatives from Headquarters Marine Corps and Headquarters FMFPAC on 9 Dec.

i. Capt FINKE, COMNAVFORV J-6, visited III MAF facilities on 11 Dec.

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j. On 14 Dec, the 439L Submarine cable was cut by construction workers. The cable ship Neptune was dispatched from Subic Bay, P. I., and arrived Danang on the 18th. The 5th Comm Bn provided a security detail so that the cable crew could work throughout the night. By 1830 hrs on 19 Dec, the cable was repaired, and all circuits returned to traffic over the normal cable path.

k. Capt MYERS went to 3rd FSR Okinawa to coordinate repair of critical low density test equipment 7-13 Dec.

l. The III MAF SSO Upgrade was completed by NAVSEEAPAC team on 16 Dec.

m. BGen CHEADLE, MACV J-6, visited III MAF facilities on 17 Dec.

n. Col MARTIN, Deputy MACV J-6, visited III MAF facilities on 17 Dec.

o. Col McDONALD, Chief DCA-SAM, visited III MAF DCA-SAM Detachment on 20 Dec.

p. The ICTZ/Danang Sector Communication Coordination Committee met at III MAF on 23 Dec.

q. 1stLt KEEGAN attended 1st Sig Bd Nestor demonstration at Americal Div on 23 Dec.

r. Maj FINLON, MACV J-6 Operations, visited III MAF facilities 26-28 Dec.

s. Capt R. B. BROWN assigned Assistant Detachment Chief DCA-SAM vice Capt F. MARTIN, transferred to Conus on 27 Dec.

t. G-4 Autosevocom terminal Activated on 31 Dec. This completes Camp Horn installation with a total of five terminals.

u. G-6 staff members attended the following meetings and conferences:

<u>DATE</u>	<u>ATTENDEES</u>	<u>CONFERENCE/MEETING</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>
10 Dec	Maj AUSTENFELD	Special Data Quality Working Group DCA-SAM	Tan Son Nhut
11 Dec	Maj AUSTENFELD	SEA-ATS Working Group Conference DCA	Tan Son Nhut

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20 Dec	LtCol BARRY	Monthly MACV J-6 Meeting	MACV Saigon
22 Dec	LtCol BARRY	Sealords Conference	COMNAVFORV Saigon
23 Dec	Maj AUSTENFELD	Joint Autodin Group Meeting	Tan Son Nhut
24 Dec	Maj AUSTENFELD	Special Autodin Working Group Meeting	Tan Son Nhut

v. ICTZ Staff Visits

2 Dec	80th Support Group	LtCol CASH, Capt MYERS
4 Dec	1st MarDiv	LtCol BARRY
10 Dec	FLC	LtCol BARRY
17 Dec	XXIV Corps 101st Abn Div FSB Birmingham	LtCol BARRY
19 Dec	FLC	LtCol DELONG
19 Dec	1st MarDiv	Maj FURLONG
19 Dec	FLC	Maj FURLONG
26 Dec	1st MAW	LtCol BARRY

w. Liaison Visits

11 Dec	NAVFAC, Cau Viet XXIV Corps	LtCol BARRY
22 Dec	80th Support Group	Maj FRY, Capt MYERS, MGySgt VESEY
23 Dec	ROKMC	LtCol BARRY
24 Dec	1st FSR	Maj FRY, Capt MYERS, MGySgt VESEY
29 Dec	CRF Danang	Maj FRY, Capt MYERS
30 Dec	5th Comm Bn	LtCol CASH, Maj FRY, Capt MYERS, MGySgt VESEY
31 Dec	Electronics Maintenance Company, 1st FSR	Maj FRY, Capt MYERS, MGySgt VESEY

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a. BACKGROUND. During the months of October, November, and December, the CIB in coordination with Division, Wing, and FLC IO's provided escorts to accompany newsmen in news gathering assignments covering I Corps ground and air operations, civic action and the CAP Program. The MACV Press Center hosted 182 correspondents during the reporting period.

b. MOTOR TRANSPORT. Tactical vehicles on hand include two M-151 jeeps and one M-37 truck. Other vehicles on hand are one 9-passenger Chevrolet 5X10 van and two 1/2-ton Datsun pickup trucks.

<u>TYPE</u>	<u>VEHICLE #</u>	<u>STATUS</u>
Datsun	500X131	Surveyed
M-37	312260	Deadlined FLC
S-10	250871	Deadlined
M-151	358467	Surveyed
M-151	353697	Working
M-151	356940	Working
Datsun	500X130	Working
Datsun	500X135	Working
M-151	94-69487	Deadlined NSA
M-151	94-69171	Deadlined NSA

(1) One M-151 #358467, was surveyed this past month and replaced with a new M-151 #356940.

(2) The M-37 truck is deadlined for 4th echelon maintenance at Maintenance Battalion, FLC.

(3) One M-37 #303202 truck was loaned from III MAF to replace the M-37 #312260 deadlined at FLC.

(4) Correspondence concerning two M-151s, #94-69487 and #94-69171, was forwarded to the U.S. Army Transportation Motor Pool, APO, San Francisco, 96243, requesting that these vehicles be dropped from inventory.

c. PHOTOGRAPHY. The following are the production figures from all Marine photographic sections in I Corps.

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<u>UNIT</u>	<u>NEGATIVES</u>	<u>PRINTS</u>	<u>COLOR SLIDES</u>	<u>MOPIC</u>
CIB	3,956	14,436	1,264	13,440
1stMarDiv	5,643	23,045	1,380	3,800
FMAW	3,475	10,406	1,265	900
FLC	4,137	16,960		2,500
TOTAL	17,211	64,847	3,909	20,640

(1) All significant events occurring during the reporting period within the scope of this unit were covered by photographers of this unit. Significant events included:

(a) Commanding General, Fleet Marine Force, Pacific, LtGen Buse, visits I Corps.

(b) Assistant Commandant of the Marine Corps, General Walt, visits I Corps.

(c) Military Assistant to the Paris delegation, LtGen Weyand, visits I Corps.

(d) Chief of Naval Chaplains, Rear Admiral Kelly, visits I Corps.

(e) Governor of Guam, Carlos G. Camacho, visits I Corps.

(f) Astronaut, Colonel Frank Borman, visits I Corps.

(g) CINCPAC, Admiral John S. McCain, visits I Corps.

(h) Committee on Civil Rights visits I Corps.

(i) Admiral Clarey, VCNO, visits I Corps.

(j) Visit of Doctor Oswald Hoffman and His Eminence Terence Cardinal Cooke to I Corps.

(k) William Buckley Jr., visits I Corps.

(l) Assistant Secretary of Defense H. Packard, visits I Corps.

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(m) Postmaster General visits I Corps.

(2) CIB photographers had 56 assignments covering presentations of awards, promotions, and investigations throughout the reporting period.

(a) A total of eleven USO show assignments was covered by CIB photographers.

d. RADIO-TV. During this reporting period, the Radio-TV unit edited 175 taped radio news features and dubbed a total of 1,315 copies for distribution to selected commercial Radio-TV outlets in CONUS, to Marine Corps District PAO's MCIO's in New York and Los Angeles, and major command ISO's state-side. ISO sections in III MAF commands produced 1,329 home town radio interviews on individual Marines and forwarded those tapes directly to the Fleet Home Town News Center for processing and distribution. The breakdown of news features and home town tapes is as follows:

<u>UNIT</u>	<u>NEWS FEATURES</u>	<u>FHTNC</u>
CIB	110	0
1stMarDiv	38	727
FMAW	34	214
FLC	9	388
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TOTAL	191	1,329

(1) CIB Radio-TV is now making a daily release to AFVN, Saigon, by telephone and a weekly telephone wrap-up to MCB, Camp Lejeune ISO for distribution to UPI, AFRTS, New York, Los Angeles and national and worldwide distribution.

(2) CIB Radio-TV produced 19 releases for AFVN-TV as audio-visual features.

(3) CIB Radio-TV produced a fifteen-minute program for the CG, III MAF, entitled "Americanism in Vietnam."

e. OPERATIONS/ESCORT. The Operations/Escort unit continued to provide service to newsmen throughout the reporting period. Escorts were provided or arrangements were made to cover major I Corps operations---Frederickhill, Geneva Park

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and Iron Mountain, as well as many small unit operations and Pacification/CAP activities located within I Corps Tactical Zone. In addition, personnel of the Operations/ Escort unit accompanied major network and wireservice personnel to the 3d Marine Division Headquarters to cover redeployment of the division. Newsmen were also provided transportation and escort to Cua Viet to cover the release of ten Vorth Vietnamese fishermen who were picked up at sea in August. Transportation for newsmen to My Lai in Quang Ngai Province for coverage of the alleged incident there was provided this last month.

(1) Notable Newsmen. Notable news media representatives at the Press Center during the reporting period included: F. Mariano, M.V. Duc, T. Suu, K.F. Sam, C. Arnot, ABC; M.E. Marriott, T. Khiem, D.V. Ri, A.H. Sargent, R.D. Threlkeld, G. Shepard, L. Midgley, D. Stone, D.C. Thomas, D.H. Webster, G. Manning, CBS; P.B. Dang, J. Sturdevant, D. Bellendorf, V. Giac, K. Jones, H.T. Nghia, J.E. Parsons, V. Suu, D. Arndt, J.P. Bennett, R. Hager, T.V. Than, NBC; R. Merron, J. Sharbutt, H. Van Es, C.J. Ryan, M. Godfey, R. Ohman, M.P. Pyle, M. Putzel, K. Fuller, D. Mason, P. Arnett, H. Fass, W. Johnson, AP; I. Heller, R. Lindley, D. Lamb, D. Derby, S. Akatsuka, D. Cook, N.J. Wheeler, D. Gibbons, D.B. Thomson, UPI; D. Wilson, AFP; E.P. Carroll, S. Warsh, P. Luminello, A.G. Magary, STARS & STRIPES; T.P. Bartlett, Leatherneck Magazine; R. Anson, L. Barrett, B. Iacobucci, W.F. Marmon, TIME-LIFE; H. Reston, J. Sterba, R. Hammer, H. Kamm, D. Ayers, T. Gibbons, NEW YORK TIMES; J. Franklin, R. Doyle, OVERSEAS WEEKLY; A. Maitland, C. Pritchett, REUTERS; B. Brunemeir, CHRISTIAN MISSIONARY ALLIANCE; J. Caccavo, AMERICAN RED CROSS; M. Joannidis, IMAGES DU MONDE; A. Huan, NORGEBLADET; Y. Honda, S. Nishio, MAINICHI BROADCASTING; G. Bartusch, WCCO-TV; D. Fawcett, F. Cavaliero, HONOLULU ADVERTISER; K.T. Choi, AUSTRALIA NEWS; R. Ross, MINNEAPOLIS TRIBUNE; E. Carrothers, CHATTANOOGA TIMES; G. Widmark, INTERNATIONAL TELE-NEWS; T. Ohata, YOMIURI SHIMBUN; T. Fincher, HATTON PHOTOGRAPHIC ORGANIZATION; W.B. Lanier, LONG BEACH INDEPENDENT PRESS TELEGRAM; P.J. Burke, NATIONAL CATHOLIC NEWS SERVICE; W. Ashworthy, CHRISTIAN SCIENCE MONITOR; J. Bishop, SACRAMENTO UNION; A. Ferguson, K. Garrett, L. Lucas, NATIONAL EDUCATION TV; K. Linnenbruegger, NEUE WESTFAELISCHE, BIEFELDS; H.G. Glasser, WEST DEUTSCHE ALLEMEINE ZEITUNG; H. Elathorpe, EMPIRE NEWS; K. Beech,

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CHICAGO DAILY NEWS; D. Hoffman, WASHINGTON POST; D. Reed, W. Tomlinson, N. Adams, READERS DIGEST; I. Ward, LONDON DAILY TELEGRAM; J. Darmondy, NEWSDAY; B. Proctor, A. LeBon, P. Gmur, C. Domke, A. Hauan, A. Schoute, W.S. Heidure, E. Zaugg, D. Weber, FREELANCE.

f. PRESS. During this reporting period, the Press Unit processed a total of 704 news and features releases from III MAF commands for release to civilian and military media. Following is a breakdown of the releases:

<u>UNIT</u>	<u>NEWS/FEATURE RELEASES</u>
CIB	144
1stMarDiv	85
3dMarDiv	25
FMAW	120
FLC	124
Carry Over	206
TOTAL	<u>704</u>

(1) A total of 18,626 home town items on individual Marines were forwarded by III MAF Commands to the Fleet Home Town News Center for processing and distribution to home town newspapers. The breakdown is as follows:

<u>UNIT</u>	<u>FHTNC</u>
CIB	751
1stMarDiv	9,976
FMAW	5,220
FLC	2,679
TOTAL	<u>18,626</u>

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12. CHRONOLGY OF VIP VISITS

<u>DATE</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>RANK/SERVICE</u>	<u>BILLET</u>
2-3Dec69	W. F. BUCKLEY Jr.	Mr:	Member of Presidents advisory commission informatior
5-7Dec69	H. W. BUSE	LTGen:USMC	CG FMFPac
6-7Dec69	C. G. ALLISON	MR:(Code 6)	Chairman Presidential Classroom for young Americans
6-7Dec69	W. E. COLBY	Ambassador	DFC to COMUSMACV
6-7Dec69	R. N. GINSBURGH	BGen:	CMdr, Aerospace Studio Insitute
7Dec69	J. C. LEDFORD	BGen:USAF	CMdr 12 SAD
7Dec69	R. NEUMANN	Ambassador	U.S. Ambassador to AFGHANISTAN
8Dec69	R. EHRENSBERGER	Dr:GS-17	Univerity of Maryland
9Dec69	E. O'DONNELL, Jr.	Gen:USAF(RET)	Pres, USO, Inc.
10-11Dec69	B. GOLDWATER	Senator	(R-Ariz), Senate Committee on Armed serivices
10-11Dec69	F. J. CLARKE	LTGen:USA	Chief of Engineers
10-11Dec69	H. P. LANHAM	RAdm:USN	COMFAIRWESTPAC
12-13Dec69	D. V. BENNETT	LTGen:USAF	Dir, Def Intelligence Agency
12Dec69	F. BORMAN	Col:USAF	NASA, Astronaut
12-13Dec69	J. G. LOWENSTEIN	Mr:	Saff Consultant to the Senate Foreign Relations Committee
12-13Dec69	R. M. MOOSE	Mr:	Staff Consultant to the Senate Foreign Relations Committee
14Dec69	W. JUDD	Dr:	Lectureer and Writer
15-16Dec69	W. B. ROSSON	Gen:USA	Dep COMUSMACV
15Dec69	J. V. EDMUNDSON	LTGen:USAF	Vice CINCPACAF
16Dec69	J. LAVELLE	LTGen:USAF	Dir (DCPG)
16Dec69	CURRAN	Mr:	Mayor of San Diego, Calif.
17Dec69	G. CHEADLE	BGen:USAF	Assistant C/S G-6 MACV



<u>DATE</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>RANK/SERVICE</u>	<u>BILLET</u>
18-19Dec69	F. T. MILDREN	LTGen:USA	Dep CMr, USARV
18-19Dec69	W. R. FLANAGAN	RAdm:USN	Dep COMNAVFORV
18-19Dec69	E. ZUMWALT	VAdm:USN	COMNAVFORV
18Dec69	E. BAUTZ, Jr.	MGen:USA	Ass't C/S J-3 MACV
18Dec69	A. H. SMITH, Jr.	BGen:USA	ACOFs
19Dec69	C. G. CAMACH	Mr:	Governer of GUAM
19-20Dec69	YATES	BGen:USA	Dir MACV Construction
20-23Dec69	THOMAS	BGen:USA	USARV Surgeon
21-22Dec69	HOFFMAN	Dr:	Lutheran Hour Speaker
21-22Dec69	E. T. C. COOKE	Cardinal	
22-25Dec69	J. W. KELLY	RAdm:USN	Chief of Chaplains
23-24Dec69	G. V. MONTGOMERY	Rep	(D-Miss)
24-25Dec69	J. S. MACCAIN Jr	ADm:USN	CINCPAC
25Dec69	W. B. ROSSON	Gen:USA	Dep COMUSMACV
25Dec69	KIM	BGen:ROKMC	ROKMC
25-26Dec69	EHRENSBERGER	Dr:GS-17	University of MD
30Dec69	W. R. PEERS	LTGen:USA	Inspector General
31Dec69	M. B. MCKNEALLY	Mr:REPRESENTATIVE	(R-New YORK)

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